

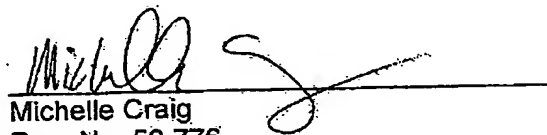
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10/821,038**REMARKS**

It is noted that in the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 21-32 have been added. Support for the new claims is present throughout the specification, for instance; support for claim 21 can be found at least at page 23, lines 9-13 and support for claim 26 can be found at least at page 23, lines 14-19. Also, no new matter has been added. The assignee respectfully submits that claims 21-32 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Assignee further asserts that all of the required claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Consideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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